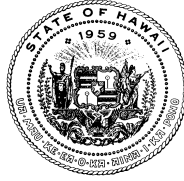


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0465 HD1  
Relating to Kupuna Care**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR  
REPRESENTATIVE TY J.K. CULLEN, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao  
PSM Manager, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 21, 2019  
11:00 AM

Room Number: 308

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health supports this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities
- 3 within the Administration's base budget.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds in the amount of \$9,000,000 for
- 5 SFY2020 and SFY 2021 for the Kupuna Care program.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that the appropriation in this bill is a priority of the Ige
- 7 Administration. Governor Ige's budget request for the Kupuna Care program is for \$8,731,368
- 8 per year from SFY2020 and SFY2021. This bill rounds up the appropriation amount to \$9M.
- 9 As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for long term services and supports
- 10 will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to put a severe strain on the State's

1 resources for long term services and supports. The health care cost for persons age 65 and older  
2 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65.

3 Kupuna Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified  
4 lives, by providing a continuum of home and community-based services and supports to target  
5 the needs of the frail and vulnerable. Its aim is to allow for aging in place, thus preventing or  
6 delaying the need for restrictive levels of care. In SFY 2018 Kupuna Care served 5,643  
7 individuals statewide at a cost of \$8,604,459.00. The annual average cost per person is \$1,524.  
8 This request of \$9,000,000 would allow the state to maintain the 5,643 individuals and allow for  
9 partial expansion of an additional 262 participants. These funds would enable EOA to target and  
10 triage additional participants according to their vulnerability utilizing the comprehensive person-  
11 centered intake and assessment tools, developed statewide for targeting public supports to  
12 persons with greatest need. Funding is critical as the population over age 60 is increasing  
13 rapidly.

14 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services that support individuals who need assistance to  
15 perform some of the basic Activities of Daily Living (transferring from bed to chair, moving  
16 about in the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and/or eating) or Instrumental Activities of Daily  
17 Living (preparing a meal, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone,  
18 managing money, housekeeping, and transportation). Core services include: personal care,  
19 homemaker, chore, home delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted  
20 transportation, regular transportation, and attendant care. In addition, Kupuna Care clients may  
21 select services from a contracted provider or have the option for a participant directed approach  
22 to home and community-based services. An individual that is assessed and deemed eligible for

1 Kupuna Care core services will have services authorized based on the needs identified within  
2 their individual support plan. In the participant directed (PD) model, an individual exercises  
3 decision-making authority to use an allotment of public funds to purchase and manage a wider  
4 array of supports that meet the individual's unique needs that compliments the on-going efforts  
5 of family caregivers and the individual's personal and financial resources.

6 **Recommendation:** Kupuna Care is a part of the Administration's base budget request. We  
7 support advancing this measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities  
8 within the Administration's base budget.

9  
10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 10:56:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	No

## Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Gary Simon, Chairperson of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports HB 465 HD 1.

The Kāpuna Care Program is a core program for home- and community-based support services. We support EOA's funding request of \$9,000,00 per year for FY 2019 – 2020 and FY 2020 – 2021.

The requested funding will ensure the continuation of these critical services for our kāpuna and their families.

We urge you to support HB 465 HD 1 and to recommend its passage.

We thank you for seriously considering the Bill.

Very sincerely,

Gary Simon

Chairperson, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 8:42:31 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Stone-Walls	Maui County Office on Aging	Support	No

Comments:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Thursday, February 21, 2019; 11:00 a.m.

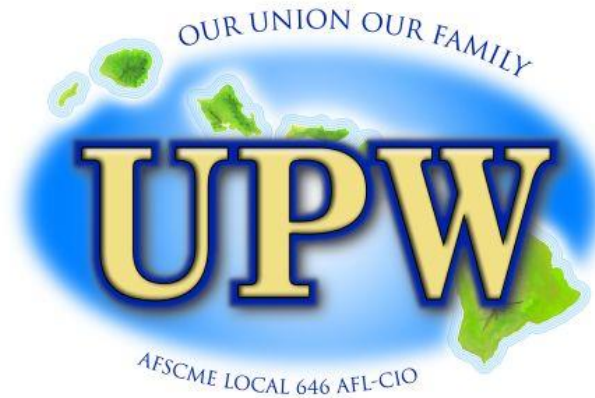
**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 465, HD1  
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 465, HD1, which makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for the Kupuna Care program and requires the Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules for administration and disbursement of funds.

Kupuna Care is widely recognized as an effective program to keep seniors living at home (as most of them prefer) for as long as possible and avoiding institutionalization that is costly to seniors and their families as well as the State (e.g., increased Medicaid costs). Hopefully, the House Finance Committee sees the value of this program and will appropriate requested funds in a timely fashion to allow the program to continue uninterrupted.

H.B. 465, HD1 also requires the Executive Office on Aging to adopt rules by 2022 for the administration and disbursement of funds. We support this requirement as a means of making the implementation of the program as transparent as possible and encouraging a wider audience for these limited funds. Some may say that opening up the program to many more will mean fewer seniors will receive services, but we believe it will also demonstrate the scope and extent of the problems that Kupuna Care hopes to address.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 465, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Date of Hearing: Thursday, February 21, 2019  
Time of Hearing: 11:00 a.m.  
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 465, HD1 RELATING TO AGING**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

HB465, HD1 makes an appropriation of an unspecified amount to the Department of Health to provide full funding for the Kupuna Care Program for FY 2019-2010. The UPW **supports** this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.







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House  
Committee on Finance  
Thursday, February 21, 2019  
11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 308

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair;  
RE: Support for HB465, Relating to Aging

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jessica Wooley and I am the Advocacy Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership-based organization of people age fifty and over with about 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care, access to affordable, quality health care for all generations and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii strongly supports HB465, to fully fund Hawaii's Kupuna Care program for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same for 2020-2021 -- to provide services to frail, vulnerable and older adults who lack access to comparable services (e.g., adult day care, assisted transportation, attendant care, house-keeping/homemaker, respite and home-delivered meals).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB46



**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 6:17:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments:



Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members,

The Coalition strongly supports this measure and this program. Caregiving is definitely a women's issue as so many of us become the primary caregivers for parents and children in need.

Mahalo, Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair Hawaii Women's Coalition



State of Hawaii House Committee on Finance  
The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

**Hawaii State Legislature**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019, 11:00 am**  
**Room 308**

**HB 465, Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide full funding for Kupuna Care.**

Good morning Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Finance Committee:

**Lanakila Pacific strongly supports HB 465 to provide full funding for Kupuna Care and to require the Executive Office on Aging to adopt Hawaii Administrative Rules** to ensure some of Hawaii's most vulnerable kupuna have access to services that allow them to age in place. Lanakila Pacific's Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program is Hawaii's largest and only island-wide home delivered meal provider for homebound kupuna and other individuals with disabilities. We have witnessed first-hand the increased need for resources to serve Hawaii's rapidly growing kupuna community.

Home delivered meals funded through Kupuna Care are provided to kupuna who have been in-home assessed and deemed eligible by the City & Counties. Many of these kupuna report they do not have access to other sources of healthy and nutritious food beyond what Lanakila Meals on Wheels delivers to them. When we deliver the meals, we often see kupuna living all alone, with empty pantries and refrigerators. In a 2018 survey, 99.2% of the kupuna responded the meals are important to them and help them feel more secure. In addition to the meal, the staff or volunteers may be the only person the kupuna will spend time with that day. The friendly visits and wellness checks contribute to kupuna being able age in place for as long as they can and avoid costly institutionalization. In the same 2018 survey, 97.5% of the kupuna responded the meals help them be independent and continue living at home. Kupuna aging in place results in savings in Medicare spending and is also the preference of the majority of the kupuna we serve.

Kupuna Care has been a lifeline in Hawaii since 1999, and now, more than ever, needs to be fully supported in the base budget to ensure it can continue to serve kupuna who depend on it. The Kupuna Care program will also greatly benefit from having Hawaii Administrative Rules to regulate and guide it so we can continue to successfully deliver services.

**Thank you for recognizing the needs of older Americans in the State of Hawaii by voting in favor of fully funding and establishing Hawaii Administrative Rules for Kupuna Care.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rona Yagi Fukumoto  
President & CEO, Lanakila Pacific

Lori Lau  
Director, Lanakila Meals on Wheels

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**HB 465hd1, RELATING TO AGING**  
**Hse FIN Hearing**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 11:00 am**  
**Room 308**  
**Position: Support**

Chair Luke, and Members of the Hse FIN Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 300 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. Our members are employed in hospitals and health care facilities, the Department of Education school system, and private practice. We are human movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromuscular and musculoskeletal injuries and impairments to improve and enrich quality of life.

HAPTA supports the appropriation of moneys to implement and support the Kupuna Caregivers Program statewide to improve the support and care for the elderly. Improving this program will allow caregivers to continue to have their kupuna at home while remaining in the workforce, leading to less institutionalization of kupuna as well as fewer family members from having to stop working to take care of their loved ones. When caregivers are also elderly themselves, this program may help decrease injury to the caregivers through this support.

Physical therapists are part of the interdisciplinary team of the growing elderly population, and it is our stance that allowing them to remain in the home with support will maintain the strength, functional mobility, and quality of life. This support will allow family to care for their loved ones for a longer time, staving the need for additional medical care, thus decreasing cost to the state in the long term.

Your support of HB465hd1 is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact Nick Bronowski, HAPTA's Aging Adult Chair at (808) 546-0937 for further information.

**Testimony in Support by Zonta Club Of Hilo for Kupuna Caucus Bills (HB 465, HD 1; HB 466, HD1; HB 467, HD 1; HB 468, HD1)**  
Hearings Before the Finance Committee

**February 21, 2019; Thursday; 11:00 a.m; State Capitol Conference Room 308**

Representative Sylvia Luke, Representative Cullen Vice-Chair, and Committee Members

**The Zonta Club of Hilo supports** the requested appropriation to fund fully the Kupuna Care, Aging and Disability Resource Centers Network, Kupuna Caregivers without the daily cap, Healthy Aging, and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Coordinator. Zonta is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls worldwide.

The Zonta Club **voted recently to support Kupuna Caucus bills relating to Aging**, including Kupuna Care, a "one-stop resource center" for aging and disability services (ADRC), Kupuna Caregivers Support, Alzheimer and Dementia Coordinator, and Healthy Aging). As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies for women; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many Zontians are "Baby Boomers" who understand the challenges of being an "elder."

To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled, and their care-givers, we need collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices." The practices must include a government and community "support net" through adequate funding and user-friendly access.

The Kupuna Caucus funding proposals would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by allowing the elders to age-in-place, surrounded by social supports, and avoiding costly institutional care and caregivers' burnout.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infrastructure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. We continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services. Hawaii County's growing elder and disabled population is outpacing the current resources. Over 21% of the population is over 60. The Kupuna Caucus funding bills give us hope.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify. Charlene Iboshi



# CGPTA

## Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association

Since 2006

**To: Committee on Finance (FIN)**  
**From: Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)**  
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019, 11:00 AM  
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol, 415 Beretania St.

**Re: Strong Support for HB465 HD1, Relating to Aging.**

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

My name is Steve Lohse, I'm a resident of Chinatown Gateway Plaza (CGP) and chair of the CGP Tenant Association (CGPTA), organized by residents in 2006 to keep ourselves informed and engaged in matters of concern to our community. On behalf of the CGPTA, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in **Strong Support of HB465 HD1**.

We have a number of kupuna in our CGP affordable housing population. I'm pushing 70, myself. Over the years, I have watched many of my friends and neighbors grow feeble, possibly start to wander, and eventually be moved on from CGP. I always think, sooner or later, there I go, too. In fact, sooner or later, there we all go.

What kind of care will we move on to? Please, let's fund Kupuna Care generously, so our frail, vulnerable, and elderly adults in need are assured of receiving basic care. It is unimaginable that we would do less for our kupuna in Hawaii Nei.

The Kupuna Care we fund today will be our care tomorrow! We are trusting in you to do the right thing. **Please, pass HB465 HD1** and generously fund Kupuna Care. Thank you!

Aloha no,  
Steve Lohse, Chair  
Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association (CGPTA)  
[CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com](mailto:CGP.Tenant.Association@gmail.com)



**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 11:01:09 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:





## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

**CCH supports HB 465, HD1** to fully fund Kupuna Care services at \$9M for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation Services for frail elders, helping them to get to needed services such as doctor appointments, grocery markets, congregate dining programs, and more. Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of HB 465, HD1. For more information or questions, please feel free to email Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at [diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) or call her via phone at 527-4702.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:01:34 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 10:09:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reuben Ignacio	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I agree with the purpose of the bill to help Care Givers provide support to our Kupuna. However, I feel the bill should be amended because it will fall short in two ways:

- 1) The amount of support of 1 day of service per week is not sufficient. As an employee of the county Office on Aging, we know first hand the amount of services required to meet minimum care standards.
- 2) The employment verification of 30 hours per week would heavily favor the island of Oahu leaving the other islands in Hawaii at a disadvantage.

My testimony is one of support with amendments.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 1:02:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kari Kaahanui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:35:51 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Shishido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 3:06:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Dusenbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

Shopping <sup>By</sup> ~~at~~ City Bus is Hard  
When I need Bulky and Heavy items:

Milk  
Bleach  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Paper towels

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: James Kiria

City & Zip Code: Honolulu 96822

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 78 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** is important to me because:

*I don't have transportation  
to and from Doctor-Shopping  
and other things.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: PEANGKACO HOWARD

City & Zip Code: WAIANAE, 96792



TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 88 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

*I have no other ways to get anywhere  
especially to the doctors*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: MILORO Tapani

City & Zip Code: 96786

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 84 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

The Transportation Service is Very important to me because I don't drive. My husband is ill and is at a nursing home and I need your transportation to visit him.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: Violet Kurisaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96825

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 69 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

*It take me to and from the  
senior center, medical run,  
field trips, shopping and Doctors.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: RAMONA K CARTER

City & Zip Code: KAPOLEI, 96907

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
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DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 86 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** is important to me because:

*I am not able to drive out of Nanakuli. Too confusion traffic.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Starlight H. Kaopuiki

City & Zip Code: Waianae, HI 96792

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 90 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

*I need to see my doctor at Kaelee Pensacola.*

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: YVONNE Y.S. YAMASAKI

City & Zip Code: P. City, HI. 96782

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 71 years old and use Catholic Charities Hawai'i's Transportation Services, which is partially funded through Kupuna Care. Please provide **FUNDING FOR KUPUNA CARE** services so seniors, like me, can remain independent and avoid expensive institutional care.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** is important to me because:

*I am disabled and need it to take me shopping for food and pick up medication. I live on a fixed income and it helps me out greatly.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Wilma Oshiro

City & Zip Code: Wahawua, 96786

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

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**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

I use it to get to my Kupuna group + to go shopping.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: LUMINADA A. RAMISAL

City & Zip Code: 96791 Kaneohe ST Waialae 96791

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
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**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:**

EXERCISE is good for my bones  
necessary because of osteoporosis.  
There is no bus where I am going -  
so I really appreciate you.  
Thank you

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: Michèle AHINA

City & Zip Code: Pearl City 96782



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Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging**

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**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** is important to me because:

I am able to get out of the house + see my friends at the senior citizens group + I use it to go shopping.

*Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.*

Print Name: JUANITA MANUEL

City & Zip Code: 96791 WAHIAWA, HAWAII

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Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

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**TRANSPORTATION SERVICE is important to me because:** *I have  
difficult walking.*

***Please support Kupuna Care funding for seniors, like me, so we can continue to live well in the community! Mahalo.***

Print Name: Stella Isara

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI, 96822

To: House Committee on Finance  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019  
RE: HB465 HD1 RELATING TO AGING

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of [HB 465](#), Relating to the Kupuna Care Program. My name is Linda Dorset and I am a concerned aging resident living in the Wailuku area.

Our *kupuna* rely upon the many critical services funded by *Kupuna* Care, from Adult Day Care to Meals on Wheels to vital personal care, to transportation assistance, all which enable our *kupuna* to remain in their homes (where they prefer to live) rather than in institutions (where it is more expensive).

Research shows that state support for home- and community-based services can help lower the cost of elder care and preserve the safety net for future generations. According to a recent profile of long-term care and independent living trends by AARP's Public Policy Institute, on average, home-based services like Kupuna Care can serve three older people or adults with disabilities for the same amount of money it costs to take care of one resident in a nursing home.

The state's support for home and community based long-term care services is important, because Hawaii's nursing homes are the fifth most expensive in the country. Moreover, our nursing homes have the highest occupancy in the country – leaving precious few beds for people who need care.

Without these invaluable services and programs, the State of Hawaii, our *kupuna* and their families would be paying much more in alternative institutional care while enjoying their golden years much less.

Please continue, at the very least, current funding levels to maintain these programs and services for our cherished *kupuna*.

**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 10:40:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Please support full funding for Kupuna Care in the amount of \$9M. The need for Kupuna Care services to allow Kupuna to remain in their own homes and not have to go into nursing homes is increasing as Hawaii's population ages. Funding has been flat for more than four years.

**finance1 - Sean**

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**From:** Diane Ware <volcanogetaway@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** FINtestimony  
**Subject:** HB465 HD1 in support

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

I am over 70 and worry about how I will manage if not able to care for myself. I have small income and I feel this bill is essential to providing care for kupuna in our state. Non professional caregivers are essential to many. Please fund this program now and in the future.

Respectfully,

Diane Ware  
808-967-8642  
P. O. Box 698  
99-7815 Kapoha  
Volcano HI 96785

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**HB-465-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 9:08:52 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Esther Ueda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB465HD1 Relating to Aging. This bill would fund Hawaii's Kupuna Care program which provides important services to seniors. I have been delivering meals to seniors for over 15 years and I know how vital these types of programs are to allow seniors to stay in their homes as long as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Esther Ueda(Pearl City)

**LATE**

**TESTIMONEY IN SUPPORT OF HB 465, HD1  
RELATING TO AGING**

**To:** Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, Committee on Finance

**RE:** Support for HB 465, HD1, Relating to Aging

**Hearing Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anna Filler and I retired four years ago at the age of 75.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 465, HD1, relating to Aging that also fully funds the Kupuna Care Program for the fiscal years 2019-2020 and the same for 2020-2021. This program provides services for older adults that need various health care services.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 465, HD1.

Anna Filler  
Email: [afiller@twc.com](mailto:afiller@twc.com)  
Kaka'ako-McCully, District 26